profit during 1988-89 is given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

| Name of the Company/ Unit | Losses | | | Accumulated Losses | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1988-89 | 1989-90 (pro-visional) | % increase (−) decrease (+) | 1988-89 | 1989-90 (pro-visional) |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| 1. The Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) | (−) 191.24 | (−) 164.80 | (+) 13.80 | 1070.22 | 1235.00 |
| 2. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) | (−) 156.38 | (−) 169.14 | (−) 8.16 | 779.91 | 949.00 |
| 3. Projects and Development India Limited (PDIL) | (−) 9.52 | (−) 8.39 | (+) 11.87 | 30.25 | 38.64 |
| 4. Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Limited (PPCL) | (+) 1.21 | (−) 0.97 | (−) 180 | Not applicable | |
| 5. Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL) | (+) 12.04 | (−) 44.40 | (−) 468 | 16.56 | 60.96 |

(b) The losses in the case of FCI and HFC units were mainly due to low capacity utilisation on account of power shortage, design deficiencies, old and obsolete technology, equipment break-downs and surplus manpower, and because the coal based technology was used for the first time in the case of FCI's plants at Ramagundam and Talcher. In the case of PDIL, it was because of delay in the setting up of the gas based plants on the HBJ pipeline thus reducing PDIL's manpower utilisation. In the case of PPCL, it was because their Sulphuric acid and Single Superphosphate plants at Amjhore were commissioned only in January, 1990, and the plants could not stabilise during three months. In the case of PPL, the loss was mainly due to non-availablity of phosphoric acid and problems of industrial relations.

With a view to improving the profitability of the fertilizer plants, several schemes for revamping, modernisation, installation of captive power plants etc. are being implemented/formulated.

**Malpractices in Railway reservations**

*80. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of cases of malpractices in Railway reservations which were detected during the last three months.

(b) The number of Railway employees

booked and punished for such malpractices during this period; and

(c) The measures Government have taken for plugging the loopholes in reservations?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) During the period from April to June, 1990, 331 cases of malpractices in railway reservations were detected.

(b) During the above-mentioned period, 300 employees have been booked for disciplinary action and 289 punished following such action. Most of the staff punished were, however, booked earlier.

(c) Important steps taken for plugging loop-holes are as follows:—

(i) Frequent checks by the Commercial & Vigilance Departments at Reservation Offices and on trains to detect malpractices on the part of staff and passengers, such as travelling on transferred reservations or on tickets in fictitious names purchased from unauthorised sources etc.

(ii) Deterrent punishment to staff in proven cases of malpractices.

(iii) Raids on touts and unauthorised travel agents who corner reservation illegally.

(iv) Computerisation of railway reservation.

(v) Announcements through press and radio regarding availability of berths on important trains.

(vi) Deterrent action for transfer of tickets and unauthorisedly carrying on the business of procuring and supplying of railway tickets.

**Animal Husbandry development in Orissa**

495. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the Advice of the Danish International Development Agency the Government of Orissa have submitted a proposal for Animal Husbandry development covering two sub-divisions of Koraput District of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far by Government in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India have recommended a project proposal for Animal Husbandry development in Koraput District under Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) assistance. The project is under appraisal by DANIDA in consultation with the State Government.

**Allotment of land to group housing Co-op. Societies**

496. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1074 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th May, 1990 and state:

(a) the reasons for not drawing a time schedule for allotment of plots as a period of eight years has already passed;

(b) whether DDA propose to send an interim communication to all eligible societies in the waiting list indicating the likely time by when they would get the allotment; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?